

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-16 are canceled.

Claims 17 -21 are pending.

Claim 21 is newly added.

§102(b) Rejection - Seelig

Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,560,603 to Seelig et al. ("Seelig" hereinafter). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 17 recites a method for directing a gaming device comprising, inter alia, "determining a first event that occurs during play of a gaming device; determining a first payout from a first payable for the first event; providing the first payout to a player associated with the first event; determining a second event that occurs during play of the gaming device, the second event occurring at a time after a time at which the first event occurs; determining a second payout from a second payable for the first event, based on the subsequent occurrence of the second event; and providing the second payout to a player associated with the first event, thereby providing a retroactive payout for the first event."

Seelig does not disclose, teach or suggest these limitations, particularly "determining a second payout from a second payable for the first event, based on the subsequent occurrence of the second event;" and "providing the second payout to a player associated with the first event, thereby providing a retroactive payout for the first event."

Claims 18 and 19 depend from claim 17 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 17. Claim 20 recites an apparatus configured to perform a method having the same steps as claim 17 and is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 17.

Therefore, the rejections of claims 17-20 should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Newly added claim 21 recites, inter alia, that “the first event is a first primary game outcome and the second event is a second primary game outcome.” Seelig is directed to individual primary games that each receive their own payout, and to a secondary game which also receives its own payout. Seelig does not contemplate providing a second payout based on a second payable for a first primary game outcome based on a subsequent primary game outcome. Accordingly, claim 21 should be likewise allowed.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the rejections of claims 17-20 should be withdrawn and all the claims should be allowed.

Applicants hereby petition for a first extension of time. Please charge any fees that may be necessary for this submission, as well as any fees that may be necessary for any submissions during the pendency of this Application, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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